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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/GB00/00513. The following amendments pertain to the claims as amended.

Please note that the amended pages 26-30 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Annexes) and submitted herewith, have replaced the originally filed pages 26-30 of the application. The claims to be examined and amended by this preliminary amendment are found on amended pages 26-30.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 4-10, 12-13, 15, 17, and 19-27 with the following amended claims.

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